

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the applications:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A stitch-bonded elastic composite comprising a non-fibrous elastic sheet, stitch-bonded in a substantially unstretched state with substantially inextensible yarns, wherein the composite can elastically recover from 10-100% stretch within 5%, in at least one direction, wherein the stitch-bonded substantially inextensible yarns comprise a stitched yarn network that allows stretch beyond as-stitched dimensions of 10-100%, in at least a machine or transverse direction and the composite has an elastic modulus in the stretch direction of less than about 400 grams per centimeter width per 10% stretch.
2. (canceled)
3. (canceled)
4. (original) The stitch-bonded elastic composite of claim 1, wherein the elastic sheet has a boil-off shrinkage in any direction of less than about 10%.
5. (original) The stitch-bonded elastic composite of claim 1, wherein the elastic sheet comprises a polyolefin sheet.
6. (original) The stitch-bonded elastic composite of claim 5, wherein the polyolefin sheet comprises polyethylene or polypropylene.
7. (original) The stitch-bonded elastic composite of claim 5, wherein the basis weight of the polyolefin sheet is in a range of about 20 grams/m² to about 120 grams/m².
8. (original) The stitch-bonded elastic composite of claim 1, wherein the elastic sheet comprises polyurethane.

9. (original) The stitch-bonded elastic composite of claim 8, wherein the basis weight of the polyurethane sheet is in a range of about 20 grams/m² to about 100 grams/m².
10. (original) The stitch-bonded elastic composite of claim 1, wherein the elastic sheet is non-continuous.
11. (original) The stitch-bonded elastic composite of claim 10, wherein the elastic sheet is perforated.
12. (original) The stitch-bonded elastic composite of claim 1, wherein the stitched yarns comprise hard/nonelastomeric flat or textured yarns.
13. (original) The stitch-bonded elastic composite of claim 1, wherein the stretch is in the cross direction.
14. (original) The stitch-bonded elastic composite of claim 13, wherein the stretch is also in the machine direction.
15. (original) The stitch-bonded elastic composite of claim 1, wherein the stretch is in the machine direction.
16. (original) The stitch-bonded elastic composite of claim 1, wherein the yarn system comprises Ripple, Atlas, or Tricot pattern.
17. (original) The stitch-bonded elastic composite of claim 1, wherein the elastic sheet comprises of more than about half of the composite's weight.
18. (original) The stitch-bonded elastic composite of claim 1, wherein the composite is partially exposed on its technical back.
19. (original) The stitch-bonded elastic composite of claim 1, wherein the composite is fully covered with yarn overlaps on its technical back.

20. (original) The stitch-bonded elastic composite of claim 1, wherein the basis weight of the composite is in a range of about 70 to about 350 grams/m².
21. (original) The stitch-bonded elastic composite of claim 1 further comprises a fibrous layer stitch-bonded to the elastic sheet.
22. (original) The stitch-bonded elastic composite of claim 21, wherein the fibrous layer is on top of the elastic sheet.
23. (original) The stitch-bonded elastic composite of claim 21, wherein the fibrous layer is on the bottom of the elastic sheet.
24. (original) The stitch-bonded elastic composite of claim 1, wherein the elastic sheet comprises fillers.
25. (presently amended) The stitch-bonded elastic composite of claim 24, wherein the fillers comprise[[s]] fibers, fibrils, dust or powders.
26. (original) The stitch-bonded elastic composite of claim 24, wherein the fillers comprise glass, metal, carbonaceous or polymeric materials.
27. (original) The stitch-bonded elastic composite of claim 1, wherein the elastic sheet is capable of shrinking up to about 35% after being heat treated and remains elastic.
28. (original) The stitch-bonded elastic composite of claim 1 being embossed.
29. (original) The stitch-bonded elastic composite of claim 1 being laminated to another layer by melting the elastic sheet.
30. (original) The stitch-bonded elastic composite of claim 29, wherein the laminate comprises a smooth surface.
31. (canceled).
32. (canceled).